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Council Annexes South Core Tract of Greenbelt Station

by A. Neil Deo

During a three-hour-long meeting on December 12 the Greenbelt City Council voted to annex to the city 86.4576 acres of additional land, the South Core of the proposed Greenbelt Station development located to the west of the Springhill Lake apartments and south of the Greenbelt Metro station – a potentially valuable new year gift to the city. Originally planned for adoption at the November 28 council meeting, this annexation resolution was postponed due to a lack of clarity regarding metes and bounds. That separated this action from the annexation of state-owned land along Cherrywood Lane, 75.4634 acres “more or less” of “sensitive land surrounding Indian Creek,” which was enacted then. Resolution Number 991, annexing the state property, will become effective after 45 days unless it is petitioned to referendum by registered voters of Greenbelt.

Public Hearing

Before acting on the South Core annexation, a required public hearing was held by the council. Greenbelt residents Bill Orleans, Robert Fireovid and Joan Falcao volunteered opinions and reservations about aspects of the proposed annexation. Orleans said he did not object to the annexation per se

but remains concerned about the city’s financial obligations, especially if the developers should be investing in roads, services and related infrastructure.

The mayor explained that the financing issue “has not been decided at this time.” Orleans said he is “happy about the annexation part” but pressed council on whether the city would some day ask Greenbelt residents to pay more for this deal.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin stressed that “the financing issue is not before the council tonight but would come later as an ordinance or resolution.” He also noted a 45-day time period before the resolution becomes finally adopted. During this time Greenbelt residents or the owners of the property to be annexed who do not wish the annexation to take place may collect signatures for a petition to put the proposal on the ballot for the voters to decide.

According to Mayor Judith Davis and Department of Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, the city is wisely buying influence over the design of a development that will come to this region anyway. Neighboring towns are also interested in annexing the land in question or certain parcels of it.

Greenbelt Station Continuance

The Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) presentation before the Prince George’s County Planning Board (PGCPB), scheduled for December 22, is expected to be continued until January 12.

Norman Rivera, attorney for Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, stated in a letter to Elizabeth Hewitt, Chairman of PGCPB, that “. . . due to remaining differences of opinion between the developer and the City of Greenbelt on several items related to CSP, both parties are confident that additional time would result in a harmonious presentation to the Planning Board.”

Confirmation of the continuance will be decided on December 22.

Annexation Benefits

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, along with self-described newcomer to Greenbelt, Falcao, questioned the benefits of the city’s financing a projected \$8 million in public facility

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ICC’s Final Environmental Impact Statement Is Ready for Review

by Elaine Skolnik

According to State Highway Administration (SHA) spokespersons Wesley Mitchell, project manager for the Inter-County Connector (ICC), and David Buck of the agency’s communication department, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the ICC is expected to be in the hands of SHA officials by December 30. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be sending the document to the SHA project team.

Input from various agencies such as the Wetlands and Waterways Program of the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service as well as comments by the public were said to have been considered in preparing the FEIS. Buck noted that after receiving FHWA’s signature on the FEIS, there will be 30 days for comment from the public – January 3 to February 2. After this phase is completed and evaluated, FHWA will issue a Record of De-

cision identifying the Selected Alternative for the project to proceed.

On July 11, 2005, Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., announced that Maryland had selected the southern Master Plan Alignment (Corridor 1) as the preferred alternative for the proposed ICC. Two alternatives were also considered but rejected at the time – the northern corridor route and the no-build alternative.

The southern master plan route, a 17.5 mile six-lane toll parkway with two transit/carpool lanes will link I-370 near Shady Grove Road with U.S. Route 1 north of Muirkirk Road near Laurel.

When Governor Ehrlich made his announcement in July 2005, the reaction of the Prince George’s County Council was negative. In a press release at the time, they stated that “despite the County Council’s steadfast opposition, the ICC is moving closer to approval.” Today the county council’s position remains in opposition ac-

cording to a spokesperson for County Council Chair Thomas Dernoga. There has been talk, however, about a possible meeting with the county and SHA.

For decades a succession of Greenbelt City Councils have opposed the ICC. Mayor Judith Davis reiterated the city’s longstanding and well known opposition. She observed, “The ICC represents a large expenditure of funds for a project that will have significant environmental costs, while doing very little to improve the region’s traffic congestion problems.”

Greenbelt officials feel that the ICC will be tied into a proposed extension of Kenilworth Avenue, resulting in Montgomery County eastbound traffic being funneled into Greenbelt. College Park and Bowie are also concerned with potential traffic impacts from building the ICC. The City of Laurel supports the construction of the ICC’s Corridor 1, provided that the alignment continues easterly until reaching Kenilworth Avenue extended or U.S. Route 1.

Partygoers Look Ahead To City’s New Year’s Eve

“A Thousand Stars” is the theme of this year’s Greenbelt New Year celebration. If the weather cooperates, part of the celebration will actually take place out under the stars. A community campfire, built and tended by local Girl Scout troops, will be held in Roosevelt Center. Sing-along folksinger Melissa Sites and storyteller Tim Livengood will entertain the crowd with campfire favorites and the Girl Scouts will offer their crowning contribution to culinary culture: S’mores.

“Our idea is to create an event that brings light and warmth and cheer to Roosevelt Center on New Year’s Eve and to encourage partygoers to explore the offerings at the adjoining venues,” said Chris Cherry, one of the coordinators for the evening. Steps away from the campfire, the New Deal Café will feature American roots music by Doug Way and country and bluegrass music by “Don’t Blame Us.”

At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television will screen an animation showcase featuring two world premiere shorts created by local young animators Joel Mason-Gaines and Caleb Valentich.

A stone’s throw away, the Greenbelt Arts Center will feature “Camp Cabaret Sings,” showcasing the singing talents of Greenbelt teenagers in a true cabaret setting. The theater will be decked out for the Arts Center’s upcoming production of “Cabaret,” which opens January 6. The campfire entertainment will move to the Arts Center if the weather is inclement.

Dance Dance Dance

Other new entertainment at this year’s celebration includes the Community Center dance studio’s “Mad Hot Ballroom,” a non-stop dance party with host Frank Solomon, a champion ballroom dancer, who will give mini-lessons in the hottest couples dance moves. Upstairs, Greenbelt professional pianists will share their talent and play audience favorites in the Sing-Along Piano Lounge. In the gymna-

sium, “Smooth Pan Sounds” will warm the winter evening with the tropical sound of steel drums.

Returning to the Community Center is headliner “DC Motors,” whose classic top-40’s music will ring in the new year. Also back by popular demand is acoustic musician John Hill and Frank Cassel, “The Banjo Man.”

Kids and Teens

The Community Center will feature entertainment for children of all ages, including three different puppet shows by Kaydee Puppets, the amazing prestidigitation and balloon sculptures of Magic Mike and the Celestial Craft Workshop, where party-goers can make starry hats and tiaras to wear for the evening.

Speaking of glamour, the ever-popular Wacky Hair Salon moves to larger quarters at the Youth Center this year. The attraction will be staffed by the Greenbelt Swim Team. Clients waiting at the salon for their outrageous do’s will be mercilessly entertained by the Improv Asylum, a trio of high-energy improv virtuosos: Jesse Folks, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler and Kevin Skolnik. Giant action games and a karaoke DJ will make the Youth Center gym a lively place for teens to hang out for the evening.

Food A’plenty

Partygoers won’t start the new year hungry. In the Community Center dining hall, Hugh’s Café operated by the St. Hugh’s Home and School Association, will serve hot dogs, lo mein noodles, nachos, egg rolls and sweet treats. Upstairs, in the cabaret room, Chef Lou will offer mouth-watering desserts.

At the Youth Center, GreenBeLT Pride will sell sodas and pizza by the slice. And of course, everyone will want an authentic Girl Scout S’more.

The event begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 31. Admission wristbands are on sale now at the Community Center, the Youth Center and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Children five and under are admitted free. For information call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.



What Goes On

Wednesday, December 21 until Classes Filled – Open Registration for Adult Swim Classes

Wednesday, December 21 until Friday, January 6, 2 p.m. – Open Registration for Children’s Swim Lessons, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Monday, December 26 – City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Christmas

Saturday, December 31

7 p.m. until after Midnight, Greenbelt New Year Celebration

Welcome Back Elaine

A very warm welcome back to News Review News Editor and President Emeritus Elaine Skolnik who, with this issue, resumes writing for the paper after a long illness that began during the summer and led to several hospitalizations and rehabilitation stays. It was during these difficult days that her husband Victor Nicholson died.

Elaine has been sorely missed. It is fitting she picks up where she left off, resuming with the ICC update coverage (see story on page 1), an area she has researched and covered for many decades. We are so glad to have you back!

Letters

Doubly Grateful

This truly is the season to extend goodwill toward everyone.

Last week I discovered that my parked car had a flat tire. Unable to loosen the lug nuts, I flagged down a GHI maintenance van and Paul Hill and Chris Dwyer not only were happy to help me remove the flat tire but also put on the spare.

The very next day, while walking my dog Huck around Greenbelt Lake, I slipped on some ice (deceptively hidden by newly-fallen snow) and literally fell on my face. After getting back on my feet, feeling grateful that I never lost hold of Huck, I discovered that I had cut the area around my left eye and was bleeding badly. I walked quickly to the Greenbelt Fire and Rescue Squad where a young woman named Jennifer invited me and Huck in. Once there I was immediately surrounded by several men of goodwill who cleaned my cut, gave me an ice pack and assured me I had not injured myself more seriously. In addition to Jennifer, these good folks included Sgt. Bauer, Captains Dennis and Ray, ERTs Armstrong, Jenkins and Thorne and D/C Monegal.

This holiday season I have a black eye but also a grateful heart to live in a community where goodwill can be found on any street, around any corner any time of year.

Sharon J. Anderson

THANKS

The Geiger family wishes to thank friends and neighbors for their concern, many prayers and best wishes over the past four months while Mary was ill. Her passing has left us, as well as her many friends, sad and bewildered. The outpouring of love for her and support for us from the Greenbelt community and from her colleagues and co-workers throughout the area has been a great comfort.

We owe a special thanks to Delores Downs for her consolation and guidance and to Reverend Dan Hamlin for conducting a beautiful celebration of Mary's life.

Al Geiger and Family

Correction

Two Labor Day Parade photos in last week's issue were incorrectly credited. The photo of the Roosevelt Poms was taken by Frank Kayser. The photo of the M-NCPPC mounted police was taken by Jon Gardner. The News Review regrets the error.

Tree Lighting Kicks Off Celebration in Greenbelt East

by Debbie Thompson

On Sunday, December 11 Greenbelt East held its annual tree lighting at Greenbriar. Entertainment was provided by "The Suspenders," a quintet from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Special guests included Mayor Judith Davis, City Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Ed Putens

and Rodney Roberts. Junior Miss Greenbelt Devin Fendlay and Little Miss Greenbelt Alexis Thompson were present to light the tree. After the ceremony everyone enjoyed delicious hot chocolate and wonderful holiday music.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE THOMPSON

Councilmembers Ed Putens, Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts and Mayor Judith Davis pose with Little Miss Greenbelt Alexis Thompson and Junior Miss Greenbelt Devin Fendlay at the Greenbelt East Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 11.

Season's Greetings!

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and
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*Wishing you all the beauty
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Judith "J" Davis

Grin Belt



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"If that's fruit cake I hope it has nuts this year."



Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes for the New Year
Leta and Darrell Mach

The Greenbelt News Review wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season. A special thank you also is extended to the volunteers and advertisers who make it possible to publish the newspaper each week.



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Community Events

Principal to Speak About Middle School

Greenbelt Middle School Principal Judy Austin will be the guest speaker at the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's media center. She will talk about how to make the transition to middle school easier. Parents of current 5th and 6th graders are especially encouraged to attend. Free babysitting is available. For further information go to www.greenbelt.com/gespta or call 301-441-8312.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before participants are planning to eat to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2008, ext. 4125 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. "Food and Friendship" will be closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. Menus for Tuesday through Friday, December 27 through 30 include:

Tuesday – Apple juice, meatballs (6 each) and spaghetti with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, canned pears.

Wednesday Brunch – Orange juice, egg, ham and cheese on croissant, home fried potatoes with onions, fruit cocktail, 4 oz. yogurt.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, cornbread stuffing, asparagus tips, canned peaches.

Friday – Grape juice, ham steak with fruit sauce, black-eyed peas, chopped collards, sweet potato pie.

Movie on Wal-Mart To Be Screened

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will collaborate with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local #400 for a screening of the movie "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price."

The feature-length documentary (90 min.) will be shown in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Club members, prospective members and the public are invited to attend. There is no fee but reservations are necessary due to limited seating. Call Roosevelt President Pat Unger at 301-474-1052 to make a reservation.

There will be a moderated discussion following the film. Light refreshments will be served. Tony Perez, assistant director of Government Affairs for the union, will be on hand to give background and answer questions.

For more information about the film, produced by Robert Greenwald and Brave New Films, visit www.walmartmovie.com.

Bible Campers Seek Socks, Underwear

One of the activities of the Mowatt children's Christmas week Bible Camp is an outreach project they select themselves. The youngsters have chosen to collect and provide new underwear and socks for needy children through Martha's Closet as their outreach project. They are asking the community for assistance in making donations of underwear and socks for the project.

All children's sizes are needed. Donations may be dropped off at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church during the camp session, which runs from December 26 to 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information call Education Coordinator Karen Smith at 301-204-6657.

Mishkan Torah News

This year both Channukah and Christmas fall on the same day. There is some irony in this because Channukah is a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar and during the week of December 25 - 31 the schools are closed. Many members of the congregation will be out of town. Thus Mishkan Torah decided to hold its annual latke party after marking the end of the Sabbath with a Havdalah service. There was traditional Channukah food (potato latkes, apple sauce, sour cream and salad) followed by impromptu Israeli dancing. Hence, there will only be the normal Sabbath services on Friday and Saturday, December 30 and 31 with the Channukah additions to the traditional service.

However, some members of Mishkan Torah will observe Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at churches within Prince George's County which are hosting shelters for the homeless thereby allowing church members to attend Christmas Eve services and spend Christmas with their families.

City Notes

Animal Control has one dog and six cats still in custody; and has removed squirrels from two residences in Springhill Lake.

Public Works parks crews replaced swing hangers, chains and seats at Windsor Green.

The Recreation Department has an opening for a part-time art studio manager. Staff member John Norden is expected to resign in January in order to attend school out of state. Mildew abatement and painting were undertaken in visual arts studio 116.

CARES

Wendy Wexler has completed this year's first Teen Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The next group will begin in January and will continue until March.

On Screen

“Geisha” Comes to Greenbelt

"Memoirs of a Geisha" brings a storied aspect of Japan into Old Greenbelt Theatre for a scheduled three weeks or more. The first-run film, based on Arthur Golden's best-selling fictional autobiography, follows a poor 9-year-old sold from her fishing village in 1929 to a geisha house in Kyoto. The owners and head geisha treat Chiyo vindictively before help comes from an older geisha. Meanwhile World War II looms; the now elegant Chiyo, intent on remaining a virgin, seeks a suitable protector from among high-level clients.

Director Rob Marshall's credits include "Chicago" and other musicals. Chiyo is played alternately by Ziyi Zhang and Suzuka Ohgo in a variously Asian cast; Ken Watanabe is the male lead.

With geishadom increasingly seen as an elegant anomaly, the film has drawn wide-ranging critiques, centering on Hollywood.com's "an epic romantic period piece." 145 minutes. PG-13, mature subject matter and some sexual content.

– Eli Flam

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at the

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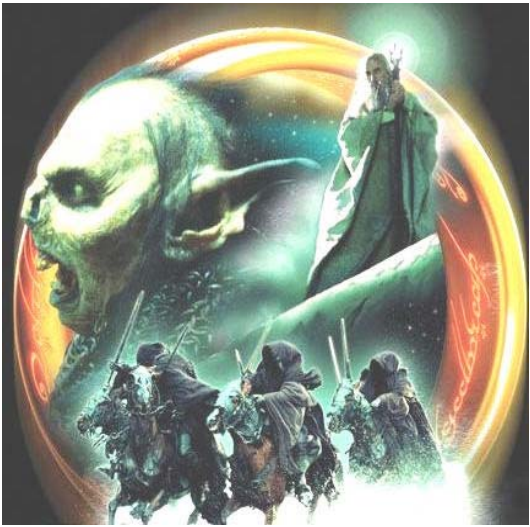
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Obituaries

Rose Haber



A longtime Greenbelt resident Rose Firester Haber, 87, died Tuesday, December 13, 2005. She had been living at Sunrise of Silver Spring where she had moved in March 2005 from her home on Westway.

Born January 1, 1918, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Haber was the seventh of nine children born to immigrant parents from Eastern Europe. Mrs. Haber grew up in Brooklyn, spending summers at Coney Island, where the family also owned a home. Eventually they moved to Coney Island year-round and it was there that she developed her passion for swimming.

She met Raymond Haber, who shared her love of swimming, at Coney Island. They were married July 30, 1939, when Ray was working at the New York World's Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Haber moved to Washington, D.C., when he got a job as a messenger for the federal government. After the move to D.C. they met people who told them about the new community of Greenbelt. The Habers put their name on a list for the government-owned housing and waited for several years.

In 1944, shortly after the birth of their second daughter, the family moved to a home on Eastway. When the federal government sold the houses and GHI was formed they bought a "defense" home on Southway and in 1958 they bought their home on Westway.

Mrs. Haber was always devoted to her family and her community. She was a Girl Scout leader, made sure that her daughters had dance lessons and sewed costumes for recitals. She and her husband were founding members of Mishkan Torah Synagogue and even helped in the construction.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Goldenbergs and Hahn Shoes. Later Mrs. Haber worked at the University of Maryland at the dairy and then in the Physics Department.

She had hurt her back and her doctor recommended that she swim to strengthen her muscles. She got special permission to use the indoor pool at the uni-

versity during her lunch hour. Soon word spread and she had a group of women joining her in the pool.

After retirement Mrs. Haber became active in the Golden Age Club. She and Mr. Haber took classes at the University of Maryland and Prince George's Community College (PGCC). She took classes in exercise at PGCC, which she combined with swimming to develop a senior exercise and swim class at the Greenbelt pool; she also led a group of seniors in a weekly walk around the lake park. She continued leading this class for over 20 years until her health deteriorated in 2004. When her husband was in the Greenbelt Nursing Home in 1998, Mrs. Haber would often hold exercise sessions for the residents.

Mrs. Haber is survived by daughters Glenda Goodman of Silver Spring and Imogene (Robert) McCleary of Lothian; sisters Gertrude Firester of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sadie Copperman of Winterhaven, Fla.; grandsons Mark Goodman, Greg (Michele) Goodman and Jason (Debbie)

Goodman; granddaughters Kelly (Rob) Miller, Holly (Brendan) Burrows and Shannon (Eddie) Jones; and 12 great-grandchildren. Her husband Raymond died in 1999.

Services were held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Friday, December 16, 2005.

Julius Joseph Andrus

Greenbelt Pioneer Julius Joseph "Joe" Andrus died on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, after a brief illness.

The son of Guy and Mary Jane Andrus, Joe was born in Williamsburg, Penna. He moved with his family to Greenbelt in 1938, living in the 11 court of Ridge Road. They were one of the original Greenbelt families. Mr. Andrus graduated from Greenbelt High School and had a bluegrass band with Emmett (Zip) Nanna. He was captain of the high school 1939 and 1940 baseball teams with Coach Ben Goldfaden and Assistant Manager Bob Sommers.



In the 50s, the family moved to Greentree Place in Lakewood. Mr. Andrus enlisted in the Navy and served as a Machinists Mate First Class on the USS Iwo Jima in the South Pacific. After he was discharged in 1946, Mr. Andrus enrolled at the University of Maryland. He played center-field for the university baseball team and for two summers he played with the Keene Blue Jays. He also signed up to play for a season with the Northern Virginia Piedmont League.

After graduating from Maryland with a degree in physical education, he taught for a year.

In 1949, Mr. Andrus joined the U.S. Park Police. He then met his wife Anna in Keene and they were married in 1951. They had one child, Julie Ann.

Mr. Andrus enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also played the guitar, piano and violin. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #136, the Birmingham Lodge and the D.A.V. Mr. Andrus retired from the U.S.

Park Police in 1969.

He is survived by his wife Anna, his daughter Julie Ann, granddaughter Joanna; two sisters – Betty Pierpoint of Cary, N. Car., and Gerry Willett of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.

The interment will be at Cheltenham Veteran's Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

George W. Brugger

The Washington Post reported the death on December 5, 2005, from cancer of attorney George W. Brugger, 64. Brugger, of the law firm Fossett and Brugger, Chartered, was a prominent Prince George's County development attorney. His firm has represented numerous developers of properties within Greenbelt. Brugger, himself, was most actively involved in the four-year

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	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Masses

Children's Mass - Saturday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass - Sunday, December 25 - 12:00 a.m.
(Lessons and Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)
Christmas Day Mass - Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 31
New Year's Vigil - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

Catholic Community of Greenbelt
Christmas Eve Liturgy
December 24, 6:00 PM
Municipal Building
No Mass Christmas Day

Baha'i Faith

"O Friend!
In the garden of thy heart,
plant naught but the rose of love."
— Baha'u'llah

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org



City Information

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
Winter Session
Adult and Children's Classes
Session Dates: January 2 thru February 25

Passholders & Residents register: December 19 & 20
Open registration for Adult classes:
December 21 until classes fill
Open registration for Children's Lessons:
December 21 until January 6 at 2:00pm

Greenbelt CARES is offering a free
BABYSITTING COURSE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
1st Floor Conference Room

The course is free, targeted toward students currently in grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES **ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program**.

For additional information and enrollment, call 301-345-6660, ext. 2016

Holiday Hours: Greenbelt Recreation Facilities

	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
December 24	9am-5pm	8am-5pm	12-5pm
December 25	9am-1pm	12-4pm	12-4pm
December 31	9am-1pm	8am-5pm	12-5pm
January 1	12-4pm	12-5pm	12-5pm

GCC - Greenbelt Community Center, GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center, YC - Youth Center
SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed
Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd,
in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of December 26th and January 2nd
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 30th and Friday, January 6th.

GREENBELT CONNECTION
The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating on Sunday and Monday, December 25th and 26th.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT presents
MAD HOT BALLROOM CLASSES!
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Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio
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Course no. 154203-2 Swing and Argentine Tango (8 to 9 pm),
Course no. 154203-3 Salsa and Waltz (9 to 10 pm)
→For help choosing a course, ask Frank at 301-441-8913 or f50solomon@yahoo.com
Fee per course: \$55 per person for Greenbelt residents
\$65 per person for non-Greenbelt residents
(No drop-ins or single classes) Register in person or by mail at
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,
Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-397-2208

Notice of Amendment to the City Charter
Addition of Power to Engage in Collective Bargaining

At its December 12, 2005, meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution to add a new paragraph to the City Charter to empower the City to develop a labor code for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining with representatives of the non-managerial sworn officers of the Police Department. This action was taken in response to a binding referendum question that the Council placed on the ballot of the November 8, 2005, City election, which permitted the voters to decide whether this change should be made. There were 1,105 (58%) votes in favor of the amendment and 797 (42%) votes against it. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on January 31, 2006, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law.

Charter Amendment Resolution 2005-4
A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 3, Titled "General Powers" to Add a New Paragraph 22 to Empower the City to Provide a Labor Code to Recognize the Right of Certain City Employees to Organize and Bargain Collectively

The resolution will add the following paragraph to the Section of the City Charter titled "General Powers":
22. To recognize and engage in collective bargaining with one or more designated bargaining representatives of non-managerial, sworn police officers of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Police Department; to enter into a binding collective bargaining agreement with said representatives; and to enact by ordinance or amendment a system of rules and regulations to govern this process. The City Council shall approve all collective bargaining agreements entered into by the City with a collective bargaining representative prior to their becoming effective. In the event the parties negotiating a collective bargaining agreement are unable to reach agreement on one or more terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the City Council shall have the authority to set those terms and conditions of employment that remain in dispute upon a majority vote.
As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until January 21, 2006, at the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. It can also be found on the Greenbelt CityLink Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov> under "Code Revisions." A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk. For additional information, call or e-mail Kathleen Gallagher at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2006:
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Saturday, December 31, 2005 w 7:00 PM Till After Midnight
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Call (301) 397-2208 for more information
Hosted by the Greenbelt New Year Committee and Greenbelt Recreation Department

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*Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:*
**Employee Relations Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
(Openings for adult & youth positions.)**

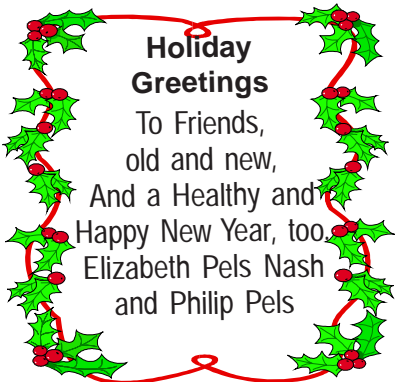
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Happy Holidays to One and All!



Holiday Greetings
To all our Greenbelt friends,
may this holiday season
be filled with the joy of
family and friends
and the New Year
filled with peace
and fulfillment.
Bernie and Jim Giese



Holiday Greetings
To Friends,
old and new,
And a Healthy and
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Elizabeth Pels Nash
and Philip Pels



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&
SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

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and Dixia

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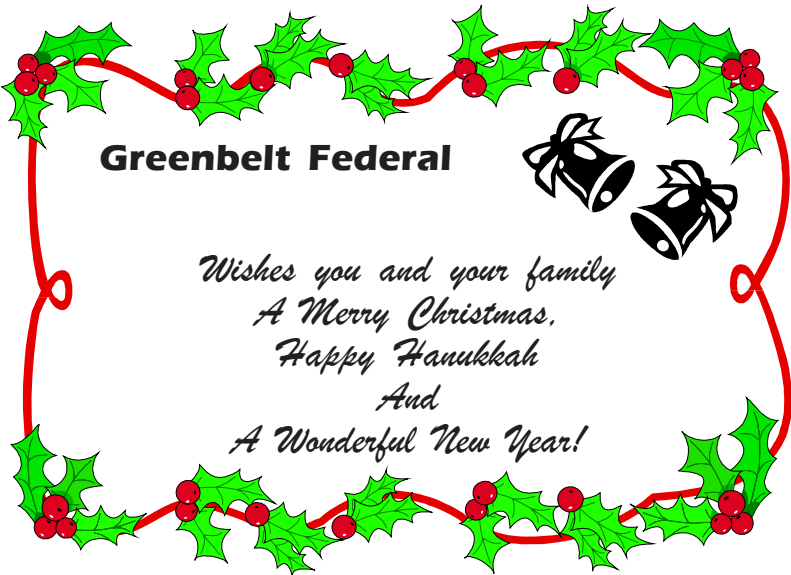
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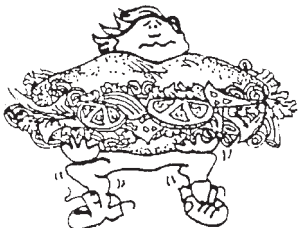
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Fresh Green Cabbage	39¢ lb
Sweet Golden Ripe Pineapples	\$3⁹⁹ Each

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Lean Whole Pork Loins Bone-In Cut To Order	\$1⁵⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean Boneless Pork Loin Chops	\$3⁴⁹ lb.
Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef	\$1⁶⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef New York Strip Steak	\$5⁹⁹ lb.
Fresh Perdue Whole Chicken	79¢ lb.	Fresh 85% Lean Ground Turkey	\$1²⁹ lb.
Fresh Perdue Split Chicken Breasts	\$1⁴⁹ lb.	Fresh Silver Floss Sauerkraut 16 oz.	88¢

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Breakstone's Sour Cream 16 oz. 2/\$3	Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Assorted 8-10 oz. \$2 ⁰⁰	Tender Juicy Whole Rotisserie Chicken Each \$3 ⁹⁹	Shurfine Vegetable Blends Assorted 16 oz. \$1 ⁰⁰	Banquet Dinners Assorted 6.5-10 oz. \$1 ⁰⁰
Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juices Assorted 59-64 oz. \$2 ⁰⁰	Kraft Cubed-or-Shredded Cheese 8 oz. \$2 ⁰⁰	Deli Cooked Ham lb. \$2 ⁹⁹	Banquet Pot Pies 7 oz. 50¢	Ellio's Pizza 6-Slice-9 Slice 19-24 oz. \$2 ⁵⁰
HEALTH & BEAUTY	SEAFOOD	Shurfine Provolone Cheese lb. \$3 ⁹⁹	NATURAL & GOURMET	BAKERY
Vick's Dayquil -or-Nyquil 6 oz. \$3 ⁹⁹	Censea 41-50 Count Large Cooked Shrimp 2 lb. \$9 ⁹⁸	HOLIDAY HOURS Open Christmas Eve 9am-til-6pm CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN NEW YEAR'S EVE 9am-til-7pm OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY 10am-til-6pm	Bigelow Tea Bags Selected Varieties 20 Pk. 2/\$5	Fresh Instore Baked Cuisine De France Italian Bread 18.5 oz. \$2 ⁶⁹
Crest Toothpaste Assorted 6.4 oz. \$1 ⁹⁹	Frozen King Crab Legs lb. \$8 ⁹⁹		Lucini Premium Pasta Sauces Assorted 25.5 oz. \$5 ⁹⁹	Fresh Instore Baked Black Bean & Salsa Bread 16 oz. \$3 ⁴⁹

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Shurfine Soda Assorted 2 Liter	89¢	Tide Value Size Liquid Laundry Detergent Assorted 100 oz.	\$5⁵⁰	Lucky Leaf Apple Juice 64 oz.	\$1⁵⁰	Shurfine Chunk Light Tuna 6 oz.	50¢	Nabisco Flavored Snack Crackers Assorted 6-10 oz.	\$2⁰⁰

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28th
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		Rene Barbier Wines 1.5 Liter	\$6⁹⁹		

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

December 8, in reference to a carjacking which occurred October 24 in the 60 court of Ridge Road; the vehicle, a 1993 Ford Taurus 4-door, was recovered by the Metropolitan Police. No arrests were made.

December 9, in reference to a carjacking which occurred December 6 at Beltway Plaza; the vehicle, a 1982 Datsun 810 4-door, was recovered in the parking lot of the mall. No arrests were made.

December 9, 2:22 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he exited his vehicle and was approached by two men who grabbed him and demanded money, with one of the suspects implying that he had a weapon. The man believed that the suspect had a “Taser” type weapon and may have shocked him. When the man stated that he had no money the suspects left the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 5’9” to 6’ and weighing 165 to 170 pounds. One was wearing a dark hooded jacket and a dark face mask.

December 9, 8:23 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a food delivery person reported he had just completed a delivery and was walking back to his vehicle when he was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining money from the delivery person, the man fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 5’10”, 175 pounds, wearing a black hooded jacket.

December 11, 1:03 a.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that she was leaving the CVS Pharmacy in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road when a vehicle pulled up next to her. One of the occupants offered the woman drugs; she refused and walked away. A short time later the same vehicle pulled up next to her and three men got out, one armed with a handgun. They announced a robbery and after obtaining money from the woman, the men got back into the vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect vehicle is described as an older model Crown Victoria 4-door. The suspects are described as three black males, all 5’7” to 5’8”, one with a thin build, brown eyes and black hair in cornrows and a thin beard, wearing a black North Face jacket. The second had a medium build and a dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair in dreadlocks and a mustache, wearing a green jacket, a black shirt and blue jeans. The third was missing a tooth and had a thin build, short hair, mustache and was wearing a gray coat.

December 13, 6:51 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by two other men. One of them put a knife to the man’s back and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the man the suspects fled the scene. They are

described as a black male 20 years of age, 6’2” with a thin build, wearing a black jacket, camouflage pants and a black mask, and a black male 20 years of age, 5’6” to 5’8”, with a thin build, wearing a black jacket and camouflage pants.

December 14, 9:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was walking through a parking lot when he was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining money from the victim both suspects fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 25 years of age, 6’ with thin builds, wearing black coats, pants and masks.

December 14, 9:34 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he had just exited his vehicle when he was grabbed by one of two other men. The man who grabbed him displayed a handgun as the second man went through the victim’s pockets, taking money and a cell phone. Both fled the scene on foot. The suspects were described as two black males, both 20 to 25 years of age, one was 5’5” with a thin build and a dark complexion, wearing black pants, sweatshirt, gloves and stocking cap. The other was 5’7” with a stocky build and a light complexion, wearing a black T-shirt, “puffy” coat, pants and stocking cap.

December 13, 6:51 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was about to enter his vehicle when he was approached from behind by two other men. One of the men put a knife to his back and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victim’s cell phone the men fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, both 20 years of age and with thin builds, one was 5’6” to 5’7”, wearing a camouflage coat; and the other was 5’10”, wearing a black hooded coat.

Weapon Arrest

December 13, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for theft and concealed deadly weapon on school grounds after he was found to be in possession of a knife during investigation of the theft of a portable CD player at the school. The CD player was recovered and the youth was released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Assaults

December 8, in reference to an assault reported November 29 at Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, a resident youth has been petitioned for second-degree assault.

DWI Arrest

December 11, 2:46 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after being stopped for a registration violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drug Arrests

December 11, 10:59 a.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a resi-

dent man and a resident youth were arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking lot. Upon approaching the vehicle, police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to smoke it. The adult was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The youth was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system.

December 12, 11:01 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police investigating a burglary observed the youth and a second person acting suspiciously. As police approached the two they both attempted to flee the area on foot. The youth was apprehended after a short foot chase during which he threw a plastic bag to the ground. The bag was found to contain a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released to guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

December 5, 3:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for trespass when he was observed on school grounds after having been previously banned from the school by administrators. The youth was released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Burglaries

December 5, in reference to a burglary reported November 25 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a non-resident man with burglary, theft and malicious destruction.

December 7, 10:08 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Nothing appeared to have been taken, but trash was thrown into the foyer area.

December 8, 12:09 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a vacant apartment by forcing open a sliding glass door. The interior of the apartment was vandalized.

December 10, 8:01 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by prying on the sliding glass door. Entry was not gained.

December 10, 9:03 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the front door. A television, a video game player and a radio were taken.

December 12, 9:40 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a woman reported that she was asleep in her bedroom when she heard a noise coming from another bedroom. She heard a person outside her front door yell-

ing to be let in. The woman then saw two men inside her residence, shut her bedroom door and called police. All three men then fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, wearing black jackets and ski masks with no definitive description of the third.

December 12, 5:20 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking out the kitchen window. A laptop computer, two video game players, video games, a video camera and money were taken.

December 12, 5:55 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. A telephone and jewelry were taken.

December 14, 11:47 p.m., 40 block Crescent Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to take a blue 2004 Yamaha Zuma motor scooter from a locked storage bin.

December 15, 1:12 p.m., 9100 Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to force open the bedroom window of a residence. A video game player, video games, a cordless telephone and DVDs were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were reported stolen: a 1994 Cutlass Supreme 4-door from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a silver 2002 Dodge Caravan, North Carolina tags PZX2543 from the 7200 block Hanover Parkway; a silver Toyota Sequoia SUV, Maryland tags 604M936 from the 8100 block Craddock Road; and a black 1992 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags MRB419 from Beltway Plaza.

Five stolen vehicles were recovered by other police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 7600 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), 200 block Lastner Lane, 23 court Ridge Road, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 6300 block Springhill Drive and 9200 block Springhill Lane.

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Police Will Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

The Greenbelt Police Department, in cooperation with the Prince George’s County Municipal Drunk Driver Reduction Task Force, will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, December 23 in the 6900 block of Greenbelt Road. Drunk driving in Maryland continues to be a serious problem. In 2004, 239 people, roughly 37 percent of all lives lost in fatal crashes on Maryland’s roads, were due to impaired driving-related causes.

Studies show that sobriety checkpoints can reduce alcohol-related crashes by as much as 20 percent. Use of sobriety checkpoints and patrols deters motorists from driving under the influence and results in arrests of those who do drink and drive. In 2004 alone, a total of 376 people were arrested for driving while impaired during 66 sobriety checkpoints in Maryland.

SoberRide

2005 Holiday SoberRide service continues to be offered from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. through Sunday, January 1, 2006. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$50 fare) call 1-800-200-8294 or #8294 on a Cingular telephone. People must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. For information visit one of the following websites www.wrap.org or www.nhsta.gov or call MPO S. Kaiser at 240-542-2114.

Police Receive Equipment Grant

The Greenbelt Police Department has purchased personal protection equipment after obtaining an \$88,000 grant from the Urban Area Security Initiative. The equipment is intended to protect officers during an incident involving chemical, biological and/or hazardous materials.

The grant was made available by the Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Domestic Preparedness to assist states and cities in preventing, preparing for and responding to terrorism and to help first responders offset costs associated with extra security measures.

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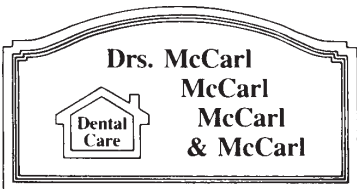


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battle in the early 70s to build Greenbriar in Greenbelt East and open it for residency against strong opposition from environmental activists and, at times, the Greenbelt City Council.

Brugger played a significant role in county affairs. According to the Washington Post, Brugger held a number of gubernatorial appointments during the Parris Glendening administration, successfully led the effort to build a federal district courthouse in Greenbelt, chaired from 1995 to 2001 the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation and served as a director of the Prince George's County Chamber

Brugger Was Best Known For Greenbriar Battle

George Brugger represented developer Alan Kay in his efforts to get the Greenbriar apartment condominium development along Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road built in spite of a moratorium imposed on connecting new development to the Washington-Suburban Sanitary Commission sewerage system. At that time there was inadequate treatment capacity.

Greenbriar faced the additional obstacle of being in a drainage basin that flowed to the Blue Plains treatment facility in Washington on the Potomac River but separated from the sewered portion of that drainage area by great distances. The natural gravity flow for surface water and sewerage from Greenbriar was across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, then north through the now designated greenbelt land of Parcel 1 and then flowing north and west following Beaverdam Creek through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. It was not possible to tie the Greenbriar sewer system into the existing sewer system for the rest of Greenbelt. The cost of extending a sewer line such a distance and the obstacle of getting federal government permission to do so caused Kay to propose a pumping station to lift the sewerage over a ridge on the east side of the Greenbriar development and to then connect with nearby sewer lines flowing into the Western Branch sewerage treatment plant.

With the moratorium imposed on that area as well until such time as plant expansion construction was completed, Kay proposed building a temporary sewerage treatment plant for the new devel-

opment. Kay's efforts, however, were strongly opposed by a new Greenbelt organization, Save Our Community Committee (SOCC) led by Rhea Cohen. While Brugger, working with Kay, eventually won the conditional support of most of the Greenbelt City Council for the sewerage treatment plant, he still faced strong opposition from SOCC and from Cohen who was elected to the city council in 1971. Thomas White, who had become chair of SOCC, succeeded Cohen on the council in 1973, continuing the strong opposition to building the plant. Their opposition successfully caused delays for the completion of environmental studies.

It was not until October 1974 that the first Greenbriar residents were able to move in to the new development. In April 1976 the permanent pumping station was put into operation and Greenbriar sewerage was diverted to the Western Branch treatment facility. The temporary sewerage treatment plant, located at the northernmost point of Greenbriar was dismantled and removed.

While Brugger generally had an excellent demeanor in dealing with governing bodies and citizens, he clearly became frustrated with the difficulties he had in dealing with the Greenbelt council and its citizenry. However, News Review reporter Elaine Skolnik, who frequently talked to Brugger while covering the many issues arising out of the Greenbriar development and who frequently encountered difficulties in dealing with other developer representatives challenged by Greenbelt intransigency, found Brugger to always "be a gentleman."

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improvements for the development. Davis argued that annexations happen for many reasons, "recreational, environmental, etc.," and that the city has worked to make an agreement with Greenbelt Metropark, LLC that has given the city and Greenbelt citizens many levers to sustain a bargain. "We've done the math," she added. In return for services and costs thereof for the proposed annexed area, "we'll get more," Davis said.

Councilmember Konrad Herling mentioned that the annual cost projection through the end of 2011 is estimated at \$1,496,000 but annual revenue during that time is estimated to be almost double.

Fireovid, previously of Gaithersburg and currently residing at Julian Court, expressed doubts that upwardly mobile couples would choose to live near railway tracks with their attendant disadvantages. The mayor thanked Fireovid and the few Greenbelt residents who participated for their insightful comments and questions. She observed it is encouraging that the Hollywood section of College Park, also close to the railway tracks, has kept pace with recent property values and that we are not aware of complaints regarding noise pollution.

Details of plans and construction will be available for review in early January. McLaughlin and Mach agreed with the mayor that new urban designs have sophisticated noise attenuation provisions. Councilmember Edward Putens stated that the situation remains "very fluid" but that Greenbelt has won every time it has taken developers to court.

Putens indicated that the city has never been a pushover for developers. Davis concurred that some developers had received an education in enlightened development through working with the city.

After the public hearing on Resolution Number 992 to annex the South Core, the council adopted it by a 4 to 1 vote, with Roberts voting against. Roberts named at least two reasons - the cost to the city and ecological concerns. A proposed outline for the extension of services and public facilities into the annexation area had already been submitted to the county.

Other Matters

Before the public hearing representatives from the State's Attorney's Office made a presen-

tation on road safety and impending DWI checkpoints.

After the hearing but before the annexation resolution was adopted, an enthusiastic Keith Chernikoff, under committee reports, expressed singular pride in serving as chair of a "superb" Forest Preserve Task Force. He presented council with the committee's report, Draft Management and Maintenance Policy Guidelines for the Forest Preserve. Council received the report for review and future consideration.

Collective Bargaining

Another important resolution was adopted after a second reading. Resolution No. 933 relates to the city's recognizing the right of certain city employees (the police) to organize and bargain collectively. This matter arose from the May 23 council meeting when representatives of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32 (FOP) requested council to either grant it the right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration or to place the question on the November 8 ballot. The council decided to place on the ballot the question of whether or not the city charter should be amended to empower the city to develop a labor code for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining with representatives of the non-managerial sworn officers of the Police Department.

On election day, Greenbelt citizens voted 1,105 for and 797 against amending the City Charter. At this meeting Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution Number 933. The city will now advertise the amendment for four weeks in relevant media. During that time, citizens could petition the matter to referendum. If that does not happen, the charter amendment will become effective.

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Anna Andrus and family on the death of her husband, Julius Joseph "Joe" Andrus.

Congratulations to Benjamin Burch, winner of the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Lions Club. Benjamin, the grandson of Mary Linstrom, 11 Court Ridge Road, is a member of the youth organization, Leo Club. His mom, Libby, grew up in the house on Ridge Road.

Former Greenbelter Monica Mills Johnson took part in a Maryland Remembers ceremony, a drunk driving awareness program promoted by Maryland First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich. Johnson's daughter, Jessica Wacker was a victim of impaired driving. After the program, Annapolis police dedicated a sobriety checkpoint to the memory of Jessica Wacker.

Congratulations to Anna Amour Ross who graduated this fall from the University of Oklahoma with a master's degree in human relations.

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